

This Week's News

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 1st, 2025

News from the IRTS

HF newsreaders are required to join our current panel of newsreaders for the weekly Sunday morning 40m and 80m IRTS news bulletins. There is very little involved in reading a bulletin and no experience is necessary. If any licensed IRTS member living in EI feels like that they would be interested in becoming part of the IRTS newsreaders panel or if you require more information, please get in touch with the IRTS News Coordinator Seany EI2HZB by phone on 083 4713001 or via email to [irts_pro /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_pro@irts.ie)

A news bulletin on the 4-meter band is being provided by the Patriot Radio Communications Club EI7PRC based in Watergrasshill in Cork. This bulletin is transmitted at 8 p.m. local time on Sunday evenings on 70.350 MHz FM simplex. It is on a trial basis so if you can receive it, please call in and support it.

“IRTS Hamfest 2025” will take place over the weekend of September 6th and 7th in conjunction with the IRTS SSB Field Day weekend. It will take place on the spacious grounds of the Mullingar Showgrounds, Culleen, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

The aim to bring novice and experienced people together in one place along with a very wide array of amateur radio equipment, technologies, and experience. From solo operators to clubs, we would like to extend a welcome to all. You are invited to come along and learn via hands-on practical tutorials that you can take part in or bring your radio-related gear to show others how to set it up correctly. Camping and campervan parking is available and encouraged.

We are encouraging involvement from as many clubs and operators as possible. Please contact the team as soon as possible via email to [hamfest /at/ irts.ie](mailto:hamfest@irts.ie) with proposals for demonstrations and practical tutorials that you or your club would like to provide.

The next IRTS committee meeting will take place on Thursday, June 5th at 8 p.m. on the Zoom platform. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club, society, or other body may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS committee meetings. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Secretary, Andy EI7IOB at [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie) in advance to ensure notification and links are provided.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV as EI2WRC/P from the Old Copper Mine, Tankardstown, Bunmahon, Co. Waterford next Sunday, June 8th, 2025. The club is pleased to announce that the location can be activated in the following categories: Echo India Flora and Fauna as EIFF-0263 Mid Waterford Coast Special Protection Area (SPA).

It also has a 2 for 1 on Parks on the Air which are EI-0162 Mid Waterford Coast SPA and EI-0163 Tankardstown Copper Mine. The old copper mine building comes in as part of the Castles on the Air programme and has been assigned the COTA-EI designator EI-01566. EI2WRC look

forward to hearing you all on HF and the Southern Ireland Repeater Network on the day or you are passing by drop in and say hello!

For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details, please see www.searg.ie

Summits on the Air Information Sessions

Two Summit on the Air or SOTA information sessions are coming up next Saturday. The Mid-Ulster Amateur Radio Club is hosting a Summits on the Air information session next Saturday, June 7th. They invite all club members and visiting ham radio enthusiasts to join the fun and bring your handheld radio gear. The venue is Carricktuke GI-CA 003 and this activation coincides with the GI/EI SOTA weekend. For further information, email [muarc.secretary /at/ yahoo.co.uk](mailto:muarc.secretary@yahoo.co.uk)

West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club GN4OMA is also hosting an information session and SOTA activation on the same day, Saturday 7th June, to coincide with the GI/EI SOTA weekend. The activation will take place from Pollanlaght GI-SW-008 Pigeon Top. They aim to be operational from 12 p.m. For further information, email [info /at/ wtarc.org.uk](mailto:info@wtarc.org.uk)

International Space Station Schools Contact on Wednesday

On Wednesday June the 4th, twelve pupils representing nine Dublin-based DEIS primary schools will speak live with astronaut Takuya Onishi KF5LKS, currently serving aboard Crew 10 on the ISS. TU Dublin Access and Outreach together with the Irish Radio Transmitters Society's youth coordinator Ana Cañizares and TU Dublin staff were given a chance to participate in this competitive programme for a second time. This follows a very successful first contact that took place during Space Week in October 2023.

The event will be live streamed globally via the ARISS YouTube channel. Tune in on June 4th at 1.10 p.m. Irish time to witness this incredible exchange. The ISS callsign is presently scheduled to be OR4ISS. The scheduled downlink frequency is 145.800 MHz. You should be able to hear the live downlink side of the exchange even with just a handheld from most of EI.

This eighth Irish contact also coincides with SPACEFest, a vibrant, free, community-focused festival celebrating the wonders of space and the power of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Designed to inspire learners of all ages, SPACEFest invites families, students, educators, and science enthusiasts to take part in hands-on workshops, exciting talks, and immersive space experiences. This runs from June 4th to the 7th and admission to all activities is free! You book your spot on the Access and Outreach page on www.tudublin.ie

Contests and Activities

The RSGB 80m Club Championship Data Contest takes place tomorrow evening, Monday June 2nd from 19:00 UTC to 20:30 UTC.

On VHF and above, a range of contests and activities are coming up that are great opportunities for self-training and testing your station set up.

On the 2-metre band from 18:00 UTC to 21:30 UTC on Tuesday, the RSGB 144MHz FM Activity and UK Activity contests will run back-to-back.

The UK Six Metre Group is holding their annual six metre summer contest next weekend. It starts on Saturday 7th June at 13:00 UTC and finishes 24 hours later on Sunday 8th June 2025.

For those interested in amateur television or ATV, the IARU ATV Contest commences at 12:00 UTC next Saturday also using amateur television on the 70cm band and above. It ends at 18:00 UTC the next day, Sunday June 8th.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Thanks to everyone for sending items into the weekly IRTS radio news. They are very much appreciated and are a great way to update the rest of the community about activities. If you have any club events, activities, meetings, or other items of interest, you are very welcome to email newsteam /at/ irts.ie with the details. These will be automatically forwarded to the IRTS radio and printed news services. The deadline each week is midnight on Thursdays.

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